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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO

SUBJECT: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN

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REF: A) MOGADISCIO 495 (NOTAL), B) STATE 57913

1. FYI: SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD HAS TOLD US HE WILL
ANNOUNCE WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI FORCES FROM THE OGADEN IN
RESPONSE TO US APPEAL (REFTEL) SIAD HAS INFORMED AMBAS
SADOR LOUGHRAN THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO WITHDRAW HAVE ALREADY
BEEN ISSUED TO SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY UNITS IN OGADEN. SIAD
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SUCSESSES, PRESIDENT SIAD HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAS
AGREED TO OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT HE WITHDRAW
ALL ELEMENTS OF SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY FROM OGADEN AND HAS

ALREADY ISSUED NECESSARY ORDERS. WE EXPECT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MOMENTARILY.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER'S APPEAL WAS LATEST IN SERIES OF ATTEMPTS -- PUBLIC AND PRIVATE -- BY US TO CONVINCE SIAD TO WITHDRAW. TO ENCOURAGE SIAD IN THIS COURSE, WE OFFERED INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME DEFENSIVE MATERIEL ONLY AFTER SOMALI FORCES WERE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN. WE WILL MAINTAIN OUR POSITION THAT ANY AMERICAN EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED ONLY WITHIN SOMALIA'S INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN TO PREVENT ANY RISK OF ESCALATION OF THE HORN CONFLICT AND TO PREVENT STILL FURTHER HUMAN SUFFERING. WHILE ETHIOPIA WAS ON ITS WAY TO MILITARY SUCCESS, WE FELT AN IMMEDIATE SOMALI WITHDRAWAL WOULD AVOID MANY CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES AND CONSEQUENT INCREASE IN BITTERNESS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE FUTURE PEACEFUL RELATIONS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOU WILL WISH TO HAVE VERIFICATION FROM YOUR OWN SOURCES THAT WITHDRAWAL HAS IN FACT BEGUN. HOWEVER, UPON PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOMALIA'S INTENTIONS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU PERMIT THE SOMALIS PROMPTLY TO LEAVE THE OGADEN UNHINDERED AND WITHOUT REPRISALS..

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